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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: January 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Site Approval Consideration*;
SAD #9 – Mt. Blue High School/Foster Regional Applied Technology Center
School Construction Project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Dr. Michael Cormier, Superintendent, requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Farmington, Maine, for an addition/renovation to Mt. Blue High School and the Foster Regional Applied Technology Center.

The site for the project is the present location of Mt. Blue High School and Foster Regional Applied Technology Center. The site is located outside of the village of Farmington and is easily accessed from the village of Wilton, the second largest community in the district.

At present the site is serviced by wells on the property and a sewerage treatment facility which expels the processed sewerage into the Sandy River. The system, which began functioning in 1970, is a technology no longer acceptable to the Department of Environmental Protection. The project is working with the sewer and water district to bring both utilities to the site.

The present site contains 68 acres and has sections of wetlands. In order to accommodate the expansion of the building and the reconfiguration of the athletic fields, it is necessary to purchase an additional 12.4 acres. The property has been appraised at \$47,000 and \$56,000. The option to purchase has been signed at the price of \$54,000 for the land and an additional \$6,000 which is the appraised value of the lumber on the property. Because the site exceeds the maximum allowable by State Board of Education rule, the cost of the 12.4 acres will be a local cost.

The formal site selection process was not undertaken in that large sections of the present building could be renovated and the location of the school is best situated to serve the nine communities in the district.

All State and local agencies that have an interest or involvement in the proposed school have been contacted. Their responses are on file in the Department of Education. The architect has completed the Site Application form as well as the New vs. Renovation Study of the affected schools.

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Project Information:

Project: SAD #9 Mt. Blue High School and Foster Regional Applied Technology Center
Superintendent: Michael Cormier, Ed.D.
Architect: Lyndon Keck, AIA, LEED^{AP}, Portland Design Team
Total number of acres: 80
Total number of acres eligible for State support: -0-
Purchase cost: \$60,000
Appraised value: \$51,500
Amount eligible for State support: -0-

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee voted unanimously on January 5, 2009, to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to SAD #9 for an addition/renovation to the Mt. Blue High School and Foster Regional Applied Technology Center in Farmington, Maine.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to SAD #9 for an addition/renovation to the Mt. Blue High School and Foster Regional Applied Technology Center in Farmington, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team